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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Personnel Ceiling Reductions, FY 1970 and 1971

1. On 30 December 1969 [] of O/PPB met with [] and me to explain "the O/PPB rationale for the revised personnel ceilings" issued by Colonel White. While the rationale consisted of little beyond the reduction of vacancies and arbitrary percentage cuts there were some interesting points raised.

a. In response to [] question Ed stated that there were no rules imposed, that while the ceilings were pretty much "locked in" there was nothing to prevent Mr. Bannerman from proposing a further reduction of CTP positions if he felt that was justified. He also specifically excluded from the sacrosanct category the personnel devoted to [] (although mentioning Colonel White's feelings on it), and the Covert Collection positions of O/C since DDP may be reducing their [] effort as a proportional share of their cut. [] we noted that positions were DDP.

c. Ed emphasized that their distribution had no real standing and that Colonel White had disagreed with several items while "buying" the totals. He looks to his Deputies to respond with suggestions and alternatives.

d. When O/PPB receives our spread of the decreased ceiling they plan to establish the personnel control figures for the Congressional Budget, and make the corresponding money adjustments. They will, also, at that time take care of as many "unfunded" items as possible.

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e. In response to another question, Ed also said that he believed Colonel White would accept the conversion of staff slots to contract if it could be logically justified. They are requesting the comment on the additional possibility (positions) to provide a way out of any unacceptable situation reflected in the responses.

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